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## **Cindy L. Mester Named Acting Assistant City Manager for City of Falls Church**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Acting City Manager Wyatt Shields announced today the appointment of Cindy L. Mester as the Acting Assistant City Manager for the City of Falls Church. Mester has served as the City's General Manager of Community Services since April 4, 2005.

As Acting Assistant City Manager, Mester's new responsibilities will include: managing the development of the Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Improvements Program with a five-year financial forecast, overseeing the implementation of the CIP throughout the budget year, leading cross-departmental policy development and special projects such as continuity of operations planning, and serving as legislative liaison between the City and the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal governments.

Mester's time will be split 75 percent towards her Acting Assistant City Manager duties and 25 percent towards her General Manager of Community Services responsibilities. As General Manager, Mester manages the City's Recreation and Parks, Court Services, Housing and Human Services, and Mary Riley Styles Public Library divisions. The four division directors of her department will take on increased responsibilities during Mester's tenure as Acting Assistant City Manager.

Mester brings 27 years of increasingly responsible community services and management experience to her new role with the City. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Longwood College and a Master of Education degree in Counseling and Development in Community Agencies from George Mason University. She began her career with Loudoun County in the Parks and Recreation Department, progressed to mental health/mental retardation assignments, and ultimately served as the Director of Loudoun County Housing Services from 1991-2005.

"Cindy Mester's extensive experience in community service and her commitment to excellence has served the City of Falls Church well over the past year and a half. I am very pleased she has accepted this new role as Acting Assistant City Manager," stated Wyatt Shields, City of Falls Church Acting City Manager.

Mester will begin serving as Acting Assistant City Manager on Monday, September 25, 2006.

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